



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

*5:00 p.m. Joint Study Session
with Parks Commission
ROOM LOCATION T-332*

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Council Chambers
First Floor, City Hall Wing

200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California

Jim Zito, Chair
Matt Kamkar, Vice-Chair

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Good evening, my name is **Jim Zito** and I am the Chair of the Planning Commission. On behalf of the entire Planning Commission, I would like to welcome you to the Planning Commission Public Hearing of ***Wednesday, September 24, 2008***. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. Parking ticket validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

If you want to address the Commission, **fill out a speaker card (located on the table by the door, on the parking validation table at the back, and at the bottom of the stairs near the Audio-Visual Technician. Deposit the completed card in the basket near the Planning Technician. Please include the agenda item number (not the file number) for reference. Example: 4.a., not PD06-023.**

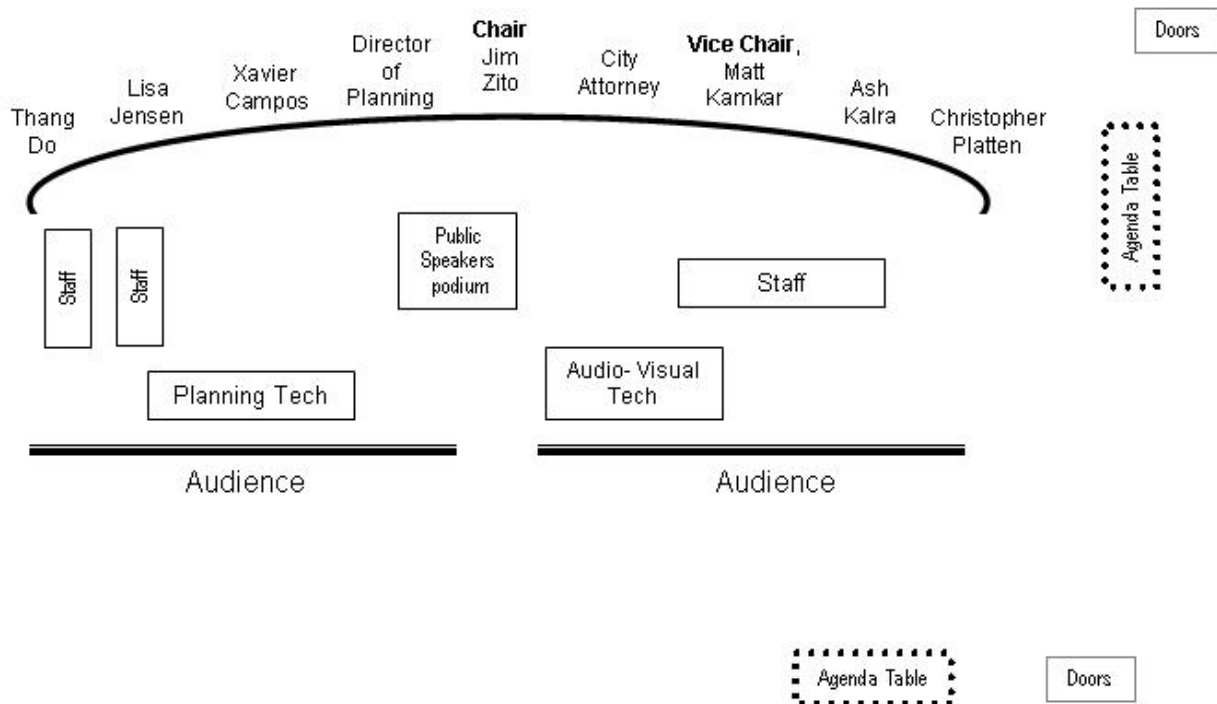
The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission's action on rezoning, prezonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items. Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on rezoning and prezonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permit's is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.

The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, and regulation of the future physical land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs. The recommendations to the Council regarding land use development regulations include, but are not limited to, zoning and subdivision recommendations. The Commission may make the ultimate decision on Conditional Use Permits, and acts as an appellate body for those persons dissatisfied with the Planning Director's decisions on land use and development matters. The Commission certifies the adequacy of Environmental Impact Reports.



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If you have any questions, please direct them to the Planning staff at (408) 535-7800. If you have any agenda questions, please contact Carmen Stanley at (408) 535-7856 or email carmen.stanley@sanjoseca.gov Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

AGENDA
ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL

1. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine either:

- To proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m.;
- To continue this hearing to a later date;
- Or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date.

Decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

- a. **CP07-094**. Conditional Use Permit to allow an entertainment establishment and operation until 2:00 a.m. at an existing legal non-conforming restaurant/bar (Mexico Lindo) on a 0.3 gross acre site in the LI Light Industrial Zoning District, located on the northwest corner of Monterey Road and Bellevue Avenue (1593 MONTEREY RD)(Everardo and Olivia Valencia, Owner). Council District 7. SNI: Washington. CEQA: Exempt. Deferred from 09/10/08. *PROJECT MANAGER, S.MALLICK*

Staff Recommendation: Drop

- b. **CP08-013**. Conditional Use Permit to allow religious assembly use in a 5,000 square feet portion of an existing light industrial building, on a 0.80 gross acre site in the LI-Light Industrial Zoning District, located at 2586 Seaboard Avenue, (Temothy C Cho and Hee O Cho Trustee, Owner). Council District 4. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, S.SAHA*

Staff Recommendation: Defer to 10/08/08

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

- a. [CP08-003](#). Conditional Use Permit to allow the demolition of a single-family house and construction of a parking lot for an existing religious assembly use on a 0.34 gross acre site in the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District, located on the west side of McCreery Avenue, approximately 450 feet southerly of Alum Rock Avenue (87 McCreery Avenue)(General Conference of the Church, Owner). Council District 5. SNI: Mayfair. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, B.ROTH*

Staff Recommendation: Approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the demolition of a single-family house and construction of a parking lot for an existing religious assembly use on a 0.34 gross acre site in the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District, as recommended by staff.

- b. [CP08-005](#). Conditional Use Permit to allow demolition and reconstruction of a gasoline service station with 24-hour operation and off-sale of alcoholic beverages on a 0.55 gross acre site in the CP Pedestrian Commercial Zoning District, located at/on northwest corner of Cherry Avenue and Almaden Expressway (4995 Almaden Ex)(BP West Coast Prods LLC, Owner). Council District 9. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, E.SCHREINER*

Staff Recommendation: Approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow demolition and reconstruction of a gasoline service station with 24-hour operation and off-sale of alcoholic beverages on a 0.55 gross acre site in the CP Pedestrian Commercial Zoning District, as recommended by staff.

- c. [CP08-053](#). Conditional Use Permit to allow a social services agency (adult day program/training) in an existing 12,600 square foot industrial building on a 3.7 gross acre site, in the IP Industrial Park Zoning District, located at 980 Rincon Circle (Han Cong and Diem Thi Nguyen, owners). Council District 4. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, S.SAHA*

Staff Recommendation: Approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow a social services agency (adult day program/training) in an existing 12,600 square foot industrial building on a 3.7 gross acre site, in the IP Industrial Park Zoning District, as recommended by staff.

- d. [CP08-065](#). Conditional Use Permit to allow a weekday pre-school and daycare for up to 20 children in a portion of an existing religious assembly building on a 2.0 gross acre site in the R-1-8(PD) Planned Development Zoning District, located at 7269 Santa Teresa Boulevard (St. Stephens in the Field, Owner). Council District 2. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, C.BURTON*

Staff Recommendation: Approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow a weekday pre-school and daycare for up to 20 children in a portion of an existing religious assembly building on a 2.0 gross acre site in the R-1-8(PD) Planned Development Zoning District, as recommended by staff.

The following items are considered individually.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

- a. [STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE WEST EVERGREEN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT](#). Review and recommendation to the City Council. Council Districts 7 & 8. SNI: West Evergreen. CEQA: Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Program EIR, Resolution No. 71045. *PROJECT MANAGER, P.SHAFFER*

Staff Recommendation: Consider the Environmental Impact Report in accordance with CEQA. Recommend that the Planning Commission forward to the City Council a recommendation to: (1) Accept the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) *West Evergreen Neighborhood Improvement Plan Amendment* as the renewed community vision for the future of the West Evergreen SNI Planning Area; and (2) Encourage West Evergreen area residents, property owners, and community members to continue to dedicate their time, energy, and resources towards the *Plan* and this *Amendment* while continuing with their community-building activities.

- b. [Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#) prepared for a proposed Planned Development permit (File No. PD07-008) to demolish the San José Medical Center. The project would include the demolition of ten existing buildings (many attached), totaling approximately 339,000 square feet that comprise the San José Medical Center, located at 675 East Santa Clara Street in central San José. All ten buildings would be demolished as part of the proposed project, with the exception of an approximately 5,400 square foot portion of Building 800. [Supplemental Memo](#)

Staff Recommendation: Find that the Final EIR prepared for this project has been completed in compliance with and conforms to the requirements of CEQA and that the Final EIR reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.

- c. [HA05-037-02](#). APPEAL of the Planning Director's decision to approve a Site Development Permit Amendment to extend construction hours to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on a project site located on the northeast corner of Market Street and San Salvador Street (360 S Market St.) in the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District, (City of San Jose Redv Agcy, Mesa Sofa Partners, LLC Mr Richard Shields, Owner; MESA SOFA PARTNERS, LLC MR RICHARD SHIELDS, Developer). Council District 3. SNI: N/A. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, E.SAMONSKY*

Staff Recommendation: Uphold the Planning Director's decision to approve a Site Development Permit Amendment to extend construction hours to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on a project site, as recommended by staff.

- d. [SP08-041](#). APPEAL of the Planning Director's decision to deny a Special Use Permit for 24-hour use for an existing restaurant on a 0.29 gross acre site, in the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District, located at the 345 South 4th Street (Joaquim A And Maria D Alvarez Trustee, Owner). Council District 3. SNI: University. CEQA: Exempt. *PROJECT MANAGER, E.SAMONSKY*

Staff Recommendation: Uphold the Planning Director's decision to deny a Special Use Permit for 24-hour use for an existing restaurant on a 0.29 gross acre site, in the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District, as recommended by staff.

- e. [PROPOSED TITLE 20 CHANGE TO STREAMLINE THE HEARING PROCESS](#)
(Deferred from 09/10/08)

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public comments to the Planning Commission on nonagendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

5. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR OTHER AGENCIES

6. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from City Council
- b. Commissioners' Report from Committees:
 - (1) Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport Noise Advisory Committee (Campos).
 - (2) Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update Process (Kamkar).
- c. Review of synopsis for 09/10/08.
- d. Consider Study Session dates and/or topics.
- e. [Consider the recommendation of the staff from Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Development that the Planning Commission transmit to the City Council a letter of support to: \(Deferred from 09/10/08\).](#)
 - 1) Endorse the adjustment of the Parkland In-Lieu Fees to reflect 100% of the land values in the 2007 Residential Land Value Study, and
 - 2) Endorse the implementation date of February 1, 2009 for 2007 Revised Parkland In-Lieu Fees to go into effect.

ADJOURNMENT

2008 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 16	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
January 30	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	W118 & W119
February 13	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Review & Comment: Planning Department Website</i>			
February 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
February 27	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>CEQA: Reviewing Environmental Impact Reports</i>			
February 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
March 12	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>North San José</i>			
March 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
March 26	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Green Vision/Develop City Policy</i>			
March 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting/General Plan	Council Chambers
April 9	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Riparian Corridor Policy</i>			
April 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting/General Plan	Council Chambers
April 21 (Monday)	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Inclusionary Housing & Housing Element</i>			
April 21 (Monday)	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting/General Plan	Council Chambers
May 7	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-1654
<i>Capital Improvement Program</i>			
May 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
May 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
May 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
June 11	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Planning Commission By-Laws</i>			
June 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
June 25	5:00 p.m.	CANCELLED Study Session	CANCELLED
<i>Riparian Corridor Policy</i>			
June 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
July 16	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	W-118, W-119, W-120
August 6	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Riparian Corridor Policy</i>			
August 6	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
August 20	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
September 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
September 24	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Council Chambers
<i>Joint Study Session with Parks Commission</i>			
September 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
September 25	8:30 a.m.	Annual Retreat	Room T-1654
October 8	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>County Island Annexation Program</i>			
October 8	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
October 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
November 5	5:00 p.m.	Study Session	Room T-332
<i>Planned Development Processes</i>			
November 5	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting/General Plan	Council Chambers
November 19	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting/General Plan	Council Chambers
December 3	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
December 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
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 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:

- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
- c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
- d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
- f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.